(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any appeal/memorandum has been received to restore the flight; and

(d) if so, what decision has since been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Phase I of Haj operations from India to Jeddah was undertaken by Saudia. Saudia could not operate flights from Madras due to their own constraints.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Air India carried these pilgrims from Madras to Bombay, for onward journey to Jeddah.

Centre of Indian Languages in the Jawaharlal Nehru University

1029. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) on which date the Centre of Indian Languages in Jawahar Lal Nehru University had started functioning;

(b) what is the strength of faculty, language-wise;

(c) what courses are being offered by the Centre and which languages are being offered;

(d) what are the reasons for which the South Indian and other Indian Languages have not been introduced in this Centre, so far; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken to introduce these languages, immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Centre of Indian Languages in Jawaharlal Nehru University has been functioning since August 1974. It has six teachers in Hindi and five in Urdu. The following programmes of study are offered by the Centre:—

(1) Hindi and Urdu at Post-graduate and research levels;

(2) Advanced Diploma of Proficiency in Mass Media in Urdu;

(3) Certificate of Proficiency in Urdu; and

(4) Optional Courses in Hindi/Urdu.

(d) and (e) In view of the constraint of resources, the University is not in a position to expand the activities of the Centre.

Reservation Office at Ernakulam Junction

1030. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of berths including second class, first class, AC sleeper and AC first class being handled by Ernakulam Junction Reservation office train-wise figures;

(b) what is the total number of staff including officers on duty as on date; whether there is any vacancy to be filled up, if so, what are the details thereof and steps taken to fill them up immediately;

(c) what is the number of reservation counters functioning at present and whether it is a fact that some counters are not functioning; if so, what are reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is a fact that area where reservation office is presently located is too small and inadequate to locate all the counters; if so, what steps are being taken to expand the area of reservation office Ernakulam Junction in near future; and

(e) by when reservation system at Ernakulam junction would be computerised?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) A statement is attached (*See* below).

(b) As against the normal sanctioned strength of 26 Reservation Clerks, 28 are in position.